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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: COMPLAINT BY AMB WALDRON-RAMSEY (BARBADOS)

SUMMARY: AMB WALDRON-RAMSEY HAS PROTESTED TO USUN THAT ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS ON OCTOBER: 19TH, HIS CAR WAS STOPPED BY POLICE OFFICERS, AND HIS WIFE AND CHAUFFEUR QUESTIONED WITH REGARD TO AN EARLIER NEW YORK CITY HOLD UP IN WHICH HIS CAR OBSERVED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME. REPRESENTATIVES OF MAYOR LINDSAY, NYC COMMISSIONER FOR UN & USUN REP HAVE ALL EXPRESSED REGRET OVER INCIDENT, WHICH WAS CAUSED BY POLICE COORDINATION ERROR. AMBASSADOR SCALI CALLING WALDRON-RAMSEY TONIGHT TO APOLOGIZE.

1. ON OCTOBER 15, 1973, AT ABOUT 9:00 A.M., A TOKEN CHANGER IN NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY STATION AT DYCKMAN STREET & NAGLE AVENUE STATION WAS HELD UP IN SUBWAY BOOTH ROBBERY. AT ABOUT SAME TIME, TWO PATROLMEN IN POLICE CAR STOPPED VEHICLE BEARING DPL LICENSE PLATE 88 FOR GOING THROUGH TRAFFIC LIGHT. IN DPL CAR WERE THREE MEN. AFTER QUESTIONING DRIVER OF CAR, IT WAS RELEASED AND PROCEEDED TO BARBADOS MISSION. POLICE WHO QUESTIONED TOKENS CHANGER RECEIVED DESCRIPTION WHICH FITTED THREE MEN IN BARBADOS MISSION CAR. POLICE CONTACTED USUN WHICH ASKED AMB WALDRON-RAMSEY WHERE HIS CAR HAD BEEN THAT MORNING. HE CONFIRMED THAT HIS CAR HAD BEEN IN AREA WHERE HOLD-UP HAD TAKEN PLACE. HE SAID ONE OF HIS CHILDREN WENT TO SCHOOL
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IN VICINITY AND CHAUFFEUR HAD DROPPED CHILD OFF AT SCHOOL.

HE ASSURED USUN THAT HIS DRIVER COULDN'T HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN HOLD-UP.

2. AT REQUEST OF NYPD, USUN FURNISHED PHOTOS OF BARBADOS CHAUFFEURS. THESE PHOTOS WERE SHOWN ON OCTOBER 16, 1973 TO CHANGE BOOTH ATTENDANT, WHO WAS NOT ABLE IDENTIFY BARBADIANS AS ROBBERS.

3. ON OCTOBER 18, 1973, NYPD ARRESTED **N WHO ADMITTED ROBBERY CHANGE BOOTH ATTENDANT ON OCTOBER 15TH. POLICE CONCLUDED BARBADIANS HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED, DESTROYED PHOTOS AND ADVISED USUN CASE WAS CLOSED.

4. ON MORNING OCTOBER 19TH, ABOUT 9:00 A.M., MRS. WALDRON-RAMSEY WAS DRIVEN TO PARK AVENUE AND 116TH STREET TO SHOP FOR CARRIBEAN SPECIALITIES. AFTER SHOPPING, CHAUFFEUR DROVE HER BACK TO AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCE IN PELHAM, NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO WALDRON-RAMSEY AND CHAUFFEUR, CAR WAS FOLLOWED BY NYPD PATROL CAR TO RESIDENCE IN PELHAM. WHEN CHAUFFEUR AND MRS. WALDRON-RAMSEY GOT OUT OF CAR, POLICE ACCOSTED THEM WITH DRAWN GUNS AND REQUESTED IDENTIFICATION. AFTER THEY WERE IDENTIFIED, POLICE LEFT AND MRS. WALDRON-RAMSEY PHONED HER HUSBAND. HE CALLED USUN OFFICER PROTESTED VEHEMENTLY OVER INCIDENT AND REQUESTED APOLOGY FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER. USUN OFFICER OFFERED APOLOGIES ON BEHALF AMB SCALI AND USG AND PROMISED REPORT ASAP. USUN OFFICER THEN CONTACTED OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER AND REQUESTED IMMEDIATE REPORT. HE ALSO REQUESTED MAYOR AND NYC COMMISSIONER FOR UN TO EXTEND APOLOGIES. THIS WAS DONE.

5. AT ABOUT 2:00 P.M., WALDRON-RAMSEY PHONED AND SAID HIS CAR HAD AGAIN BEEN STOPPED BY POLICE CAR. HE SAID CAR WAS PROCEEDING DOWN HUTCHINSON RIVER PKWY IN BRONX, WHEN IT WAS STOPPED BY PATROL CAR. POLICE REQUESTED DRIVERS IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRED TO VEHICLE AS "GET AWAY CAR." AFTER DRIVER SHOWED IDENTIFICATION, HE WAS RELEASED. MISOFF AGAIN EXPRESSED REGRET AND SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER IMMEDIATELY.

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6. WE PHONED OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER AND REQUESTED THAT AN IMMEDIATE MESSAGE BE SENT ALL PRECINCTS RECALLING ORIGINAL ALARM. POLICE SAID MESSAGE WLD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY.

7. WE WILL ADVISE DEPT AND AMEMB BRIDGETOWN AS SOON AS REPORT ON INCIDENTS IS RECEIVED FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER. SCALI

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